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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated February 8, 2005, claims 1, 4, and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 4,908,637 (Chung); and claims 2, 3, 7-19, 23, 29-31, 33, and 34 were rejected under § 103 over Chung.

Applicant acknowledges the indication that claims 24-28, 32, and 35-37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is not anticipated by Chung. Note that claim 1 recites a method for coupling a media adapter to an *imaging device*, where the method comprises positioning the media adapter adjacent a coupler on the *imaging device*, connecting a mating coupler on the media adapter to the coupler on the *imaging device* to mechanically couple the media adapter to the *imaging device*, and establishing a signal link between the mating coupler on the media adapter and the *imaging device*.

Chung describes a font cartridge adapter for inserting into a cartridge opening of a *laser printer*. Chung, Abstract; 1:25-31; 1:52-56. A laser printer as taught by Chung is *not* an imaging device. An ordinary and customary meaning of the term “imaging device” refers to a device that obtains pictures or more complicated special representations from physical things. *See, e.g.*, Wikipedia, Definition for “imaging” (attached). This understanding of the term “imaging device” is consistent with the use of the term in the specification of the present application. *See, e.g.*, Specification, ¶¶ [0001], [0017]. A laser printer does not perform imaging – a laser printer as taught by Chung merely applies data, such as from a source file (*e.g.*, bitmap file, etc.), to generate corresponding patterns on paper or other type of printing object. There is no indication in Chung that its font cartridge adapter can be used with an imaging device – the font cartridge adapter of Chung is limited for use with a laser printer.

Independent claims 3, 7, and 34 were rejected as being obvious over Chung. However, the obviousness rejection is defective because there is no suggestion in Chung of using its font cartridge adapter with an *imaging device*, rather than the laser printer taught by Chung.

Independent claim 19 was also rejected as being obvious over Chung. Note that claim 19 recites a positioning means for automatically aligning a media adapter adjacent a *scanning surface* of the *imaging device*. As discussed above with respect to the other claims, there exists no teaching or suggestion in Chung of using a media adapter with an imaging device. Moreover,

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as Chung teaches a laser printer, there is no scanning surface on the laser printer. The lack of a scanning surface on a laser printer is a further reason that Chung fails to render obvious the subject matter of claim 19.

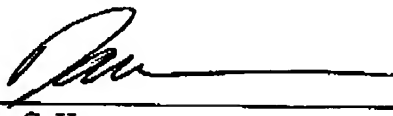
Dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as corresponding independent claims.

In view of the allowability of generic claims 1, 7, and 19, rejoinder of withdrawn claims 6, 18, and 22 is respectfully requested.

Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 (200209277-1).

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